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Kris, here's the article Martin sent to me...

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Police, FBI, EPA converge on Hopewell plant as part of undisclosed investigation RICHMOND — State and federal law enforcement and environmental agents were conducting a search Tuesday of the AdvanSix plant in Hopewell. The nature of the operation was not immediately clear, but witnesses say agents with the Virginia State Police, the FBI, the EPA and the Virginia Department of Environmental Management were on the scene of the plant at 905 E. Randolph Road. Debra Lewis, the company's communications director in Parsippany, N.J., said the incident that brought authorities to the plant was not violent in nature. "AdvanSix is cooperating fully with the federal and state investigators who visited our Hopewell site today," Lewis said in a statement. "Everyone at the plant is safe, and we have no information leading us to believe that the facility's operations will be affected in any way. The plant is operating normally and we have every intention to continue to operate as planned." Ann Regn, a spokeswoman for the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, said the incident was a "federal criminal action" but couldn't immediately provide more details. A spokeswoman for the FBI confirmed that the agency has agents at the plant, but she declined to further discuss the matter. A worker at the plant who spoke on condition of anonymity said he saw federal agents swarming over plant and was told they were executing a search warrant. State Police were blocking entrances and exits and stopping traffic, said the man, who was among the workers performing "hot work," such as with power tools, who were sent home. "It was pretty intense to watch go down. I wanted to leave immediately," he said. The AdvanSix Hopewell facility, formerly Honeywell, is "one of the world's largest single-site producers of caprolactum," a main ingredient in the production of nylon polymer used in carpet fibers and films, according to the company website. The plant is also a "global leader" in the development and production of ammonium sulfate fertilizers, which AdvanSix sells for both crop and turf applications under the Sulf-N® brand, the company's website says. The plant employs about 750 workers. An EPA spokesperson could not be immediately reached.

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